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Membership 2026/27 is open for renewal at next meeting and should be done by July - Refer Page 8 for direct deposit details if more convenient.

CLUB PRESIDENT



Hello members

Hope you are all keeping well, and those that aren't so good may you improve quickly. I have been missing in action for the last two meetings, and not pleased about that at all, especially the vase/plant/basket competition. Was so sorry I couldn't be there but circumstances prevailed. I believe the competition was very successful, congratulations to the winners, and thank you to Cheryl Ivey for the suggestion. The year certainly has marched on, now when you read this it will be May...and mentioning May, Mother's Day fast approaches, May I wish you all, who are Mother's and those who have taken on the role a very Happy Mother's Day. Try and take the day off, and just relax.

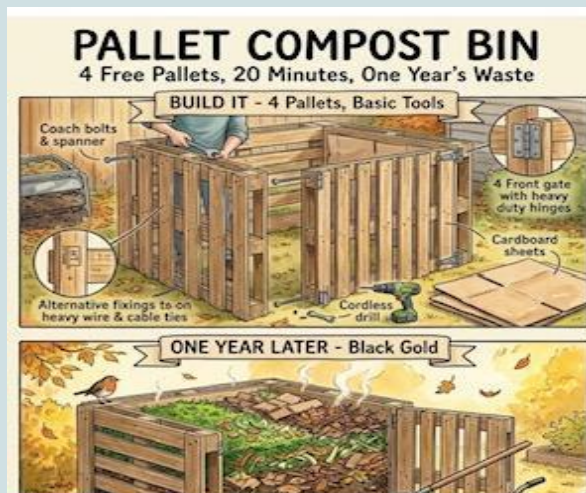
Best wishes to all

Sue Lansdown

"If I had a flower for everytime I thought of my Mother, I could walk in my garden forever"

NEWS FROM THE GARDEN

One year's food waste & garden clippings become next year's richest growing medium.



How to build it:

- Source 4 pallets of roughly equal size — check for the HT stamp (heat-treated, safe for garden use) and avoid any marked MB (methyl bromide treated)
- Stand three pallets upright to form a U-shape
- Secure corners with heavy-gauge wire, coach bolts, or cable ties through the slats
- Attach the fourth pallet as a hinged front gate using two heavy-duty hinges
- Line the inside with cardboard to prevent small scraps falling through gaps (it decomposes in place)

Using it:

- Layer green (nitrogen: grass clippings, kitchen scraps, weeds) with brown (carbon: cardboard, dead leaves, straw, woody prunings)

GARDENING PROGRAMMES ON TV, RADIO & PRINT



ABC TV & IVIEW:

GARDENING AUSTRALIA:

Friday 7.30 pm, repeated Sunday 1.30 pm and Tuesday 4.00 am

CHANNEL 7+

Better Homes & Gardens Series 32
Episode 4 - Fothergill's
Combination Seed packs & "Seed Tape"

CHANNEL 9:

Garden Gurus - Saturday 4.30 pm & Sunday 4.30 am

SBS & SBS CATCH UP:

Kew Gardens Season by Season
Monday - Friday. - 4 Part documentary.

- Turn with a fork once a month for faster results
- Ready to use in 6-12 months — sooner if turned regularly
- The hinged front gate lets you fork out finished compost from the bottom while new material goes in the top

A GREAT RECIPE

Almond Cake (Gluten Free) *(Recipe provided by Chris Hardie)*

Grease a spring form tin, and line with baking paper, set oven at 170°.

Melt 200 gr. Butter and 1 cup Caster Sugar, add 1 cup Coconut, 2 cups Almond Meal, 1 teaspoon Vanilla, and 4 Eggs lightly beaten.

Fold together, pour into tin, cover with Flaked Almonds.

Bake until golden brown, and skewer comes out clean.

Cool completely, then wrap and freeze.
(if freezing)



MINI JATZ CHOCOLATE SPRINKLES

350g jar 100s & 1000s sprinkles

225g pkt Nestlé Milk Choc Melts

170g pkt Arnott's Jatz Minis Sea Salt

Crackers

Preheat oven to 140°C/120°C fan forced.

Line a small slice pan with baking paper.

Pour sprinkles into the prepared pan and spread evenly to cover the base.

Arrange choc melts, spaced evenly apart, on top of the sprinkles. Bake for 2-3 minutes or until glossy and softened.

Remove pan from the oven. Working quickly, place each cracker onto each softened chocolate melt and gently press down until the chocolate spreads into the sprinkles underneath and coats the biscuit. Set biscuits aside, coated-side down, to set.



A GOOD JOKE

Paddy & Murphy are working on a building site. Paddy says to Murphy 'Im gonna have the day off, I'm gonna pretend I'm mad!'

He climbs up the rafters, hangs upside down & shouts 'I'M A LIGHTBULB! I'M A LIGHTBULB!'

Murphy watches in amazement!

The Foreman shouts 'Paddy you're mad, go home.' So he leaves the site. Murphy starts packing his kit up to leave as well. 'Where the hell are you going?' asks the Foreman. 'I cant work in the friggin dark!' says Murphy.

Wife texts husband on a cold winter morning:

"Windows frozen, won't open."

Husband texts back: "Gently pour some lukewarm water over it and then gently tap edges with hammer."

Wife texts back 10 minutes later: "Computer really messed up now."

SPIDER PLANTS



directly tie a small braid on its small hanging plant



Spider plants can be shaped in many ways



Add a wooden stick in the middle for support



and then use a tie to fix it for a shape like this



spider plants can be made into many other shapes



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

Jan Hudson

Barbara Randall

Stanley Richards

Laurel Duffield

Susan Lansdown

APRIL COMPETITION



WINNERS



Pots

NORMA GILL

Vase

HELEN

PECNIK

Hanging

Basket

BRENDA

SMYTHE

How to spot and avoid scams

Scams can happen to all of us. Scams work because scammers create believable stories to steal your money and get your personal information.

Scammers are getting smarter and taking advantage of new technology, products, services, and major events to convince you that their scams are real.

It can be very hard to spot a scam. Here are some situations to watch out for. Sometimes scammers use a combination of these tactics.

- 1. Opportunities to make or save money:** Scammers will deceive you into believing you're getting an incredible deal or offer. They will put pressure on you to act quickly so you don't miss out. Remember, deals that seem too good to be true, usually are.
- 2. Sad stories and cries for help:** Scammers will try and use your good nature against you. They will share stories of heartbreak and tragedy with you and explain why they need your help and your money.
- 3. Links and attachments:** Scammers use links to send you to scam websites designed to steal your information and money. Scammers may also ask you to open attachments. These can install viruses that steal your information.



- 4. Pressure to act quickly:** Scammers don't want you to take your time and think things through. They want to pressure you into acting quickly. This can include making threats that something bad will happen if you don't act fast.
- 5. Requests that you pay in unusual or specific ways:** Scammers often ask you to pay using uncommon methods like preloaded debit cards, iTunes cards, or virtual currency like Bitcoin. Once this money is spent, you can't get it back.
- 6. Request to set up new accounts or PayIDs:** Scammers may ask you to set up a new bank account or PayID in order to pay them (or be paid by them). They may pretend to be your bank and tell you to transfer your money into new accounts to keep it safe.

If scammers have succeeded in taking your money, they will try to get more money from you. Unfortunately, one in three scam victims have been scammed more than once. If scammers have stolen your money, be on the lookout for scammers offering to help you get your money back. This is another kind of follow-up scam.

Protect yourself from scams by following these 3 steps:

Stop



Don't give money or personal information to anyone if unsure.

Scammers will offer to help you or ask you to verify who you are. They will pretend to be from organisations you know and trust like service providers, the police, your bank or government services.

Check



Ask yourself could the message or call be fake?

Never click a link in a message. Only contact businesses or government using contact information that you find yourself from their official website or app. If you're not sure, say 'no', hang up or delete.

Protect



Act quickly if something feels wrong.

Contact your bank if you notice unusual activity or if a scammer gets your money or information. Seek help and report the scam to ReportCyber and Scamwatch. When you report scams, you help us stop the scam and warn others.



What is a scam

A scam is when someone deceives you to steal your money or personal information.

Scams are economic crimes run by criminals who are often very organised and sophisticated.

Scams:

- are run by criminals
- look real
- come with believable stories
- pressure you to take an action

A scam is NOT:

- Computer hacking
- Unfair contract terms
- Harassing marketing approaches

It's important to remember that not all negative experiences are scams. You might have paid for a product that you never received or bought something and found the quality was poor. While this is disappointing, they are not necessarily scams. The Australian Consumer Law offers protections to Australian consumers for these sorts of issues.

For more information visit www.accc.gov.au/consumers

REPORT SCAMS: www.scamwatch.gov.au

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NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 13th May

GUEST SPEAKER - FAYE ARCARO

Faye Arcaro is a West Australian based horticulturist who cohosts the weekly "Let's Talk Gardening" program on Curtin 100.1 fm radio & a previous ABC Gardener of The Year

Venue is - Mandurah RSL Club
Unit 5/20-22 Rouse Rd, Greenfields - Opposite Gilberts

To facilitate setting up by the Committee, **doors will not open until 1.30 pm**

Meetings are 1.30pm for a 2pm start
As parking is in short supply, please park
across the road.



PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CUP
FOR AFTERNOON TEA!

COMING UP..

3rd	May	Northern Districts Orchid Society Autumn Show
8th	May	Orchid Society of W.A Autumns Championship Show - Flinders Square Shopping Centre
8 - 9	May	WA Chrysanthemum Society Show - Kalamunda Agriculture Hall
16-17	May	Mandurah Districts Orchid Club of WA Inc Autumn Show Held at Mandurah RSL
18-24	May	Australian Botanic Garden week
19-23	May	Chelsea Flower Show - UK
31	May	Friends of Kings Park - Plant Sale - 8.30 - 12.00 pm

FUTURE GUEST SPEAKERS

JUNE

Geranium Society



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